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1. ON MARCH 24 EMBOFF GAVE COSTLE-IZRAEL' LETTER (REF) TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET. EMBOFF STRESSED US POSITION THAT PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT WILL BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED TO FALL UNDER THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES. KAZAKOV EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT ON THE EXHIBIT WITH IZRAEL' AND WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. KAZAKOV NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIETS TO REPLY TO COSTLE LETTER BY APRIL 12. EMBOFF REQUESTED THAT SOVIETS MAKE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE ABOUT ACCEPTABILITY OF US PROPOSED TIME FRAME BY THAT DATE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH KAZAKOV AGREED TO DO. KAZAKOV NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO SHOW THE EXHIBIT IN CITIES WHERE HYDROMET HAS OFFICES, FOR EXAMPLE IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KIEV, AND NOVOSIBIRSK. HE ALSO INQUIRED INFORMALLY WHETHER US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SHOWING THE EXHIBIT IN THE CAUCASUS.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY US

INTENDS TO SHOW THE EXHIBIT IN ONLY ONE CITY OUTSIDE MOSCOW, INSTEAD OF TWO ADDITIONAL CITIES THAT WERE BEING CONSIDERED DURING SHOSTAL FEBRUARY VISIT TO USSR. OF THE CITIES MENTIONED BY KAZAKOV AS POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE EXHIBIT, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT LENINGRAD BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE ANY US EXHIBIT WAS SHOWN THERE. IF ADDITIONAL SOVIET CITY IS PROGRAMMED, WE WOULD SUGGEST KIEV BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE UKRAINE. TOON

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